

REMARKS

This application is a U.S. national phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT international application Ser. No. PCT/US04/031412 filed September 24, 2004, designating the United States and published in English on April 7, 2005 as publication WO 2005/030222 A1, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/505,735, filed September 24, 2003, GB0322395.5, filed September 24, 2003, and GB0404567.0, filed March 1, 2004. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to reflect this information.

Claims 82, 85, 87, 90, 91, 93, 96, 99, 101, 103, 107, 110, 121, 125, 130, 133, 136, 138, 140, 149, 150, 151 and 156 have been amended and claims 2 - 27, 29 - 44, 59 - 72, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 92, 95, 97, 100, 102, 104 - 106, 108 - 109, 111 - 115, 117 - 120, 122 - 124, 126 - 129, 131, 132, 135, 137, 139, 141 - 148, 152 - 155 and 157 - 159 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 28, 45 - 58, 73 - 82, 85, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 98, 99, 101, 103, 107, 110, 116, 121, 125, 130, 133, 134, 136, 138, 140, 149 - 151 and 156 will be pending in the application upon entry of the amendments presented herein.

Cancellation and amendment of the claims were done solely to remove multiple claim dependencies in order to reduce the extra claim fees, to correct typographical errors and/or to otherwise expedite prosecution of the application. No new matter has been added. Applicant hereby reserves to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

Applicants respectfully request early examination on the merits and allowance of the application with all claims presented herein. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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